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## PULPIT ECHOES.

On Sunday evening at Union Church the Rev. C. H. Hickling spoke on Ancestry and Descendants. He pointed out the great honour and privilege of having a good ancestry. The Jew had honest pride as descended from the Father of the faithful. In his seed all the world was being blessed. There are those in these days who try to trace their descent from those who came over with the Norman Conqueror and whose line has done little worthy work since. But to think of an ancestry of ungodly faith, holy life, who lived and prayed for the children and sought to leave the world better than they found it—this is indeed honour and privilege. "True hearts are more than coronets."

But there may be a misuse of such a privilege, either by despising it or by undue reliance upon it. The latter was the mistake made by the Jews. They leaned idly on the promises made to Abraham without deigning so to cooperate with God as to make the adequate fulfilment possible. Slothful reliance on soundly good parents only aggravates the shame of treachery and failure. These are they who beside a noble forest are only a tangled cover, a mere snarl of struggling briars and bushes. It is difficult to realise, in these strenuous days, that any one should be content to be in this respect like the potato plant—having the better part underground.

To the Jews Jesus pointed out a better way. "Do the works of Abraham" and thus demonstrate your descent. He obeyed the command of God to emigrate, he ordered his household to God, he by example and by prayer, sought to free his neighbours in Sodom from their damning vices. His qualities of character could not descend physically. It was for them to serve God in their day as he did in his. Surely this is the only way in which to honour the pious dead, who gave us birth. Not by praising them, trusting to their virtues and building ornate monuments at their graves; but by imitating their faith, considering the cause of their manner of life, viz. Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day and for ever.

If this is not done there is no lasting affinity between parent and child. Jesus intimated this to the Jew when He said, "If you were Abraham's children, Natural descent was obliterated by unlikeness of character and action. Natural relationships will perish unless immortalised by mutual oneness with God.

We cannot live always on the lives of our parents, however good they are or were. Only by putting a like faith and rendering a like obedience to God can we make our relationship to them enduring and blessed. If we seek from God in Christ the same eternal life which they received, if we live here unto God as they tried to live, then we are at one with them body, soul and spirit in time and eternity. Thus shall we be spared the lament of poor Harlequin Coleridge. He was looking at a Bible given him in youth,

"When I received this volume small,  
My years were barely seventeen,  
When it was hoped I should be all  
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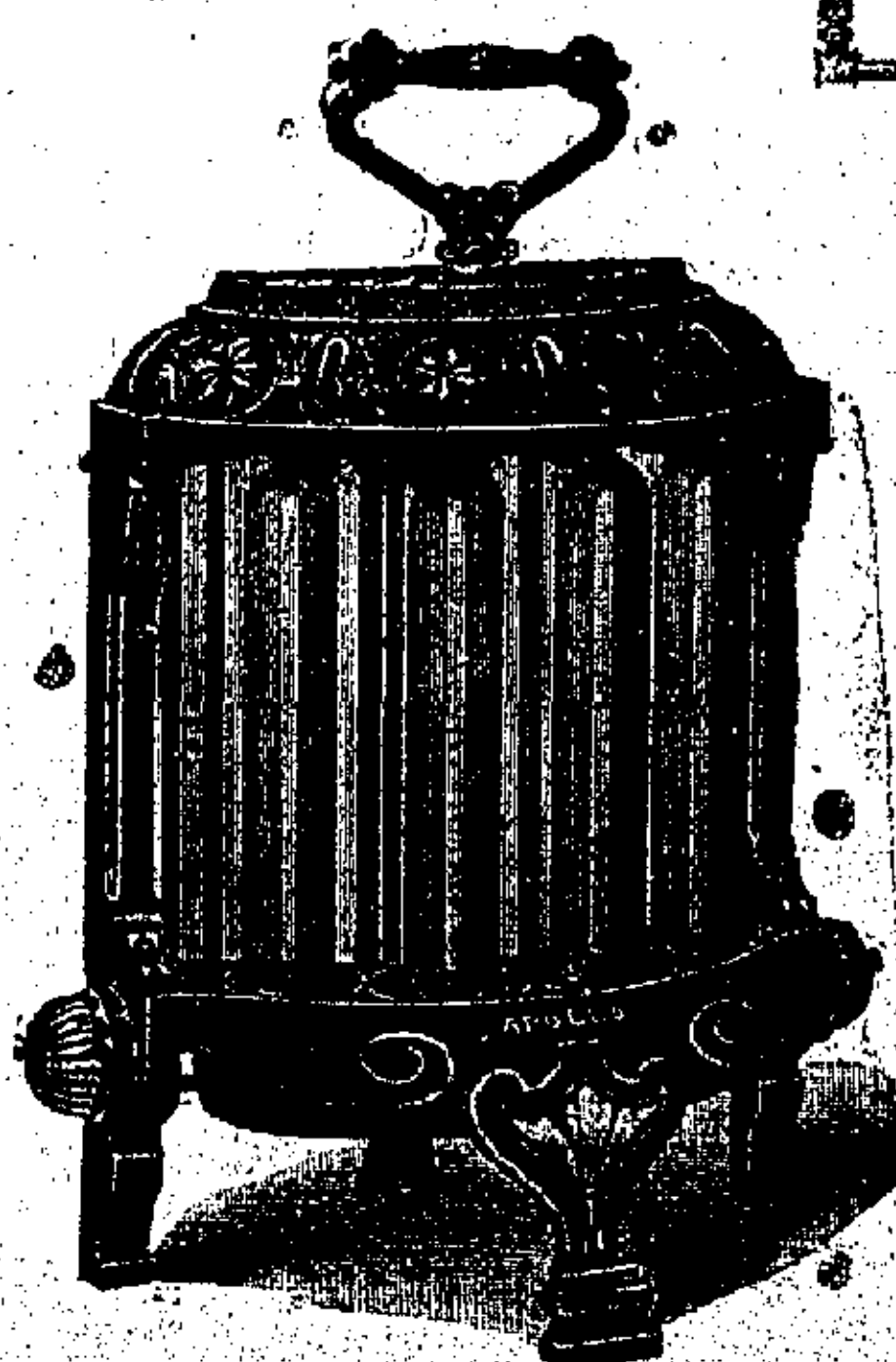
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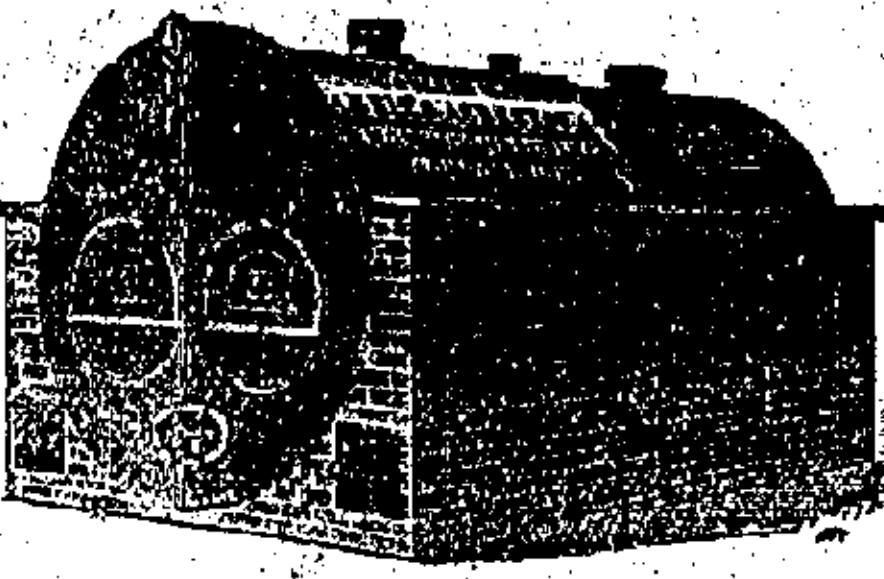
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## SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Edinburgh, February 5.

The elevation of the Right Hon. John

Sinclair, Secretary for Scotland, to the

House of Lords creates little surprise. It

has been talked about for many months;

rumour was free with his name in regard

to several appointments; and public

comment is solely directed to the peculiar

circumstances that attend his removal

to Another Place. Born in 1860, he

is the eldest son of the late Captain

George Sinclair. He was educated for

the Army, joined the Royal Irish

Lancers, served in the Sudan Expedi-

tion of 1885, and two years later

retired from the Army with the rank of

captain. In 1886 he was A.D.C. to the

Earl of Aberdeen, then Viceroy of Ireland,

and was afterwards private secretary to

his Lordship when Governor-General of

Canada. For a short time he was member

for Dumfriesshire, and in 1897 was returned

for Forfarshire, which he has represented

ever since. He became in succession

Scottish Liberal Whip, private secretary to

the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman,

and Secretary for Scotland. In 1904 he

married Lady Marjorie Gordon, eldest

daughter of the Earl and Countess of

Aberdeen.

Within twelve months, three Parliamen-

tary representatives of districts in Forfar-

shire have been sent to the Lords—Lord

Forbes, Lord Leche of Gower, and now

Mr Sinclair. Of the three, Mr Sinclair's

elevation has raised the greatest gossip.

The public reasons given for it, involving

the retention of his official position, are of

a very unsatisfactory character. Mr

Sinclair's own story is that Mr Asquith

has decreed that "there should be in the

House of Lords a Minister acquainted with

the administration of Scotland, who can

be responsible for legislation in Scotland."

This may be an accurate statement of the

case; but Mr Sinclair's record ought to

have weighed in the way of his making him-

self a Minister. When the Liberals were

in power, Mr Sinclair was Scottish Secretary,

the cry of the Liberals was that the head

of the Scottish Office should be in the

House of Commons. Mr Buchanan, now Under

Secretary for India, stated in a debate in

the Commons in May 1900, that among

the disadvantages suffered from having

the Scottish Secretary in the Lords was

the absence of touch between him and

the Scottish members, and the consequent

loss of minor and not-contentious reforms.

Mr Sinclair followed on the same line, and

said, "as the Scottish Secretary is the

chief executive officer for Scottish affairs,

and the entire power of administering the

country is centered in him, it is necessary

that he should be in the House of Com-

mons." Yet this Mr Sinclair, in face of

such a declaration, takes a peevish and

keeps the Scottish Secretaryship. The

transaction has an ugly, suspicious look.

On purely personal grounds, Mr Sin-

clair's absence from the Commons will be

regretted by all parties. They may not

exactly have a "lasting sorrow," as Mr

Sinclair himself puts it, a curious phrase,

which suggests to some people that he

did not want to go to the Lords under

present conditions, and was really kicked

upstairs; but they will miss his pleasant

disposition and courteous manner. If he

is irritated anybody, it was his own sup-

porters rather than the members of the

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## MARRIAGE.

TERREY-McNAUGHTON. — At "Louis-  
ville," Gas Works, on the 6th March, by  
the Rev. C. H. Hilding, Union Church,  
Hongkong, EDGAR WILSON of Terrey,  
of the Gas Works, to MARY ANN McNAUGH-  
TON, eldest daughter of James Mc-  
Naughton, Esq., Chemist, Port Glasgow,  
Scotland.

## MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.  
10.30 a.m.—Auction at Messrs Jay's  
No. 14, Des Voeux Road.Meeting.  
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Fire  
Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine,  
Matheson & Co.'s Office.Amusements.  
9 p.m.—Herbert Withers Concert at  
City Hall.Miscellaneous.  
Goods per *Alma* undelivered at Noon  
on this date subject to rent.

## General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, March 10:—  
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong and  
Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., at  
Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office.  
3 p.m.—Auction of Old & Rare Japanese  
Curios, at Messrs Hughes & Bough's  
Sales Rooms.  
Goods per *Alcedonia* not cleared at 4  
p.m. on this date subject to rent.  
Goods per *Aratona* appear undelivered  
after 4 p.m. this date will be landed.THURSDAY, March 11:—  
8.45 p.m.—Meeting of Institution of En-  
gineers & Shipbuilders of Hongkong,  
at Engineers Institute Rooms.  
Goods per *Kamakura Maru* not cleared  
on this date subject to rent.FRIDAY, March 12:—  
2 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-  
ture, &c., at Mr J. Y. Y. Vernon's resi-  
dence, "Newlands," 37, Conduit Road.  
Goods per *Belvedere* undelivered after  
this date subject to rent.SATURDAY, March 13:—  
Noon—Meeting of Gen. Fenwick & Co.,  
Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel.MONDAY, March 15:—  
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at the  
Public Works Department's Office.  
9 p.m.—Military Band Concert at City  
Hall.FRIDAY, March 19:—  
Noon—Meeting of China Sugar Refining  
Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson  
& Co.'s Office.  
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Luron Sugar Re-  
fining Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine,  
Matheson & Co.'s Office.

## The China Mail

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1909.

## HARD TIMES IN JAPAN.

JAPANESE newspapers are not very  
cheerful reading nowadays when deal-  
ing with the commercial outlook and  
kindred subjects. At the turn of the  
year a general idea prevailed that the  
worst was over and that signs of a  
revival were discernible here and there.  
Indeed, Baron Matsu, the President of  
the Bank of Japan, speaking at the half-  
yearly meeting of shareholders the other  
day, was inclined to think that the  
position was more hopeful and that the  
future could be faced with confidence,  
but his optimistic views are evidently  
shared by very few. A writer in the  
*Osaka Shimbun*, who is described as a  
business expert, goes so far as to declare  
that the bottom has not yet been  
reached. He points out that many com-  
panies and firms are only now beginning  
to reduce the number of their staffs and  
reduce the outlay for gas or electricity.  
So far the commercial depression  
through which the country is passing  
has only seriously affected the upper  
and middle classes, the lower classes  
having been only touched in the mat-  
ter of the increased cost of food and  
clothing, for wages remained high even  
though there was less work to be had.  
Now, however, it has come to the turn  
of the masses. The Emperor's injunc-  
tion concerning the advisability of the  
nation cultivating the virtue of thrift  
has been seriously taken to heart by the  
whole people with the result that re-  
tailers throughout Japan are suffering  
severely from the effects of the econo-  
mic being practised by the well-to-do  
and those classes who are usually indi-  
fferent in the matter of casual spending.The Hon. Treasurer of the Alca-  
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Barrett and Co. 5The only change in the Far Eastern  
garrison in the tropics since 1903-10  
will be the transfer of the 2nd Battalion  
Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders from  
Tientsin to India. The Cameron will be  
replaced by the 1st Battalion Royal Irish  
Rifles, now stationed at Malta. The  
Irish Rifles were previously in the  
"Flower Land" in the "Eighties," serving  
at Hongkong and later in the Straits Set-  
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Barrett and Co. 5Even big department stores in Tokyo are  
complaining of the lack of business and  
are cutting down expenses. During the  
war money came very freely to the work-  
ing classes of Japan, the standard of com-  
fort was raised generally and habits were  
contracted which it is now difficult to  
eradicate. With the drying-up of many  
of the Pactolian streams set  
flowing by the war and the boom which  
followed the signing of the peace-treaty,  
has come a great rise in the number of  
the unemployed, and the misery they  
are suffering is said to be very acute.  
The Government with the best intentions  
in the world cannot do much to help.  
It wants every cent it can raise to keep  
the machine of State moving at all, and  
thus the "three bad taxes"—the tax on  
textiles, the transit tax, and the salt  
monopoly—which should have been  
abolished a year after the cessation of  
hostilities must continue to be  
levied; and despite all the ravings of  
the political parties and the grumbling  
of the countryside it seems highly  
probable that they have come to stay  
for many years yet. If things have to  
grow worse before they can be bettered,  
then it would appear to the *Chuo* that  
the turning point cannot be reached,  
even at the earliest, until the prospects  
of this year's rice harvest become  
discernible. And if the outlook is then  
unfavourable, there is nothing for it but  
a prolongation of the existing dulness  
of trade, and a deepening of the poverty-  
line for the lower middle classes and  
the great mass of the working people.The *Kobe Herald*, in one of its weekly  
commercial summaries, was inclined to  
think that the gloomy view taken by  
the writer in the *Chuo* is not altogether  
unfounded. It points out, for instance,  
that after a considerable interval re-  
ports of Companies and other concerns  
having failed or being in difficulties  
have again begun to appear in the  
columns of the commercial press and  
with some frequency. Japanese papers,  
indeed, are generally of opinion that  
more failures will take place, and they  
say that, while the failures which  
took place after the collapse of the  
"boom" were natural and even to be  
welcomed, the concerns affected being  
mostly speculative or unsound, the  
undertakings which are now being over-  
whelmed are substantial enterprises  
which have struggled hard against the  
effects of the depression. This is re-  
garded as a very regrettable feature of  
the present position. The steady fall  
in the value of silver, the low price  
which copper fetches in the market at  
present, and the falling-off in the yarn  
exports to China are factors hitting  
Japan badly just now. But as trade  
revives in the world at large, the island  
empire will share in the returning tide  
of prosperity and the experiences which  
she is garnering, bitter though they be,  
will inure to her advantage. If her  
present troubles result in the evolution  
of a higher standard of business mo-  
rality throughout Japan—a consumma-  
tion devoutly to be wished—then she  
will have cause for congratulation that  
she passed through cleansing fires so  
soon after her emergence from com-  
parative obscurity into the position of a  
Great Power.Supervisor Coffey, one of the boodling  
members of the city council of San Fran-  
cisco, has been sentenced to seven years in  
the penitentiary for accepting bribes. He  
was the first of the supervisors to be sent  
to prison. Coffey was implicated in the series  
of scandals of which Ake Ruef was the  
chief figure.The appointment of Mr Frank A. Bran-  
agan, as a member of the Philippine Com-  
mission has been confirmed by the Senate.  
The Washington newspapers publish eulo-  
gistic comments on the appointment.Major C. P. Higginson, D.S.O., King's  
Shropshire Light Infantry, who has taken  
up the duties of Deputy Assistant and  
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## NEWS OF THE DAY.

Bangkok and Siam exchanges of the  
early part of December were only received  
to-day.Two more cases of plague have been  
noticed, both patients being Chinese, one  
of whom has died.The French and English Mails of the  
3rd and 6th February were delivered in  
London on the 6th inst.The Colonial Secretary informs us that  
the Colony has been declared an infected  
port by the government of Netherlands  
India.Betterford and Swire's steamer "hun-  
tion" opened the Tientsin river trade this  
year; Jardine, Matheson and Co.'s *Lien*,  
being the second vessel to arrive at  
the Bund.There were 447 European and 255  
Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library,  
and 140 European and 2,704 Chinese visi-  
tors to the Museum during the week  
ending 8th March.Dominican Gomez, the self-appointed  
leader of the labour party in Manila, has  
been sentenced to six months' imprison-  
ment for threatening the firm of Warner,  
Barnes & Co. He has appealed.The world famed comedy duettists,  
Steve Adson and Jessie Thorne, will give a  
special act entitled "Getting Ready" be-  
sides numerous dialect stories at the  
Victoria Cinematograph this evening."Lucky" Baldwin, the famous  
California race-horse owner and specu-  
lator, has just died at his San Gabriel  
ranch, near Los Angeles, aged 81. At  
one time he was reputed to be worth  
\$300,000.The Japanese House of Representatives  
has passed the ocean navigation subsidy  
bill, with an amendment requiring that the  
Diet shall have a voice in the granting of  
the subsidy. The shipbuilding subsidy  
was passed without modification.From all sides we hear confirmation  
of the statement made by Messrs Wilks  
and Jack, that the users of the Oram  
metallic filament electric lamps effect an  
economy of 70 per cent in their monthly  
bills. The firm have the sole agency for  
South China and having got hold of a really  
good thing are pushing it for all it is worth.It is stated that the Prince Regent  
shows much solicitude over Emperor Hsuan  
Tung's schooling, which, if carried out in  
the old way, he fears, would be of little  
practical value. His Highness recently  
ordered H.E. Chang Chih-tung and H.E.  
Jung Ching to arrange that it should be con-  
ducted according to the school regulations  
for his Majesty might be obtained.The Kowloon Dock A. D. C. gave a  
capital repeat performance of "The Silver  
King" on Saturday night. There was a large  
audience, who were soon engaged in  
following the incidents of the well known  
melodramatic piece as translated by the  
capable body of amateurs. The principals  
again did their work almost without blemish,  
and especially was this so of Mr and Mrs  
R. H. Baxter, in the parts of Wilfred  
Denver and his wife. The next work to  
which the Kowloon amateurs turn their  
attention will be awaited with the keenest  
interest.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

It is reported that Baron d'Anethan,  
Belgian Minister in Tokyo, will leave for  
Hono on March 10th in connection with  
the proposed visit of King Leopold to  
Japan.Captain Philip Going, for many years a  
popular commander in the Togo Kien  
Kaisha service, is proceeding to New  
Zealand to take up an important position  
there.Mr K. Sonoda, President of the Fifteenth  
Bank, will leave Yokohama for London by  
the N. Y. K. steamer *Inaba-maru* on March  
17th on business concerning the flotation  
of a foreign loan, etc.The appointment of Mr Frank A. Bran-  
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## CORRESPONDENCE.

## A REVENUE SUGGESTION.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")  
Sir,—Now that the Colony is somewhat  
harassed at the near fall in the Revenue,  
it would not be a bad idea if the Officials  
made some enquiry into the very great  
profits made by the present owners of  
the old Harbour Office. As the term  
of the latter's lease expires shortly, why  
not the Government invite the Public to  
bid for the lease of the Office? The  
Officials will find, I think, that the  
difference in the present and former pro-  
fits of the Harbour Office will be a  
very good source of revenue.

## EX-POLICEMAN'S FATAL FALL.

Yesterday afternoon Mr D. McKenzie,  
formerly a member of the Hongkong  
Police Force, fell down the stairs at the  
Praya East Hotel and sustained a fractured  
skull. He was removed to the Hospital  
but succumbed to his injury at about  
10 p.m.

## TO-NIGHT'S CONCERT.

This evening at the Theatre Royal  
there will appear in a very select concert  
programme a company that comes endorsed  
with singular unanimity by the Press of  
India as quite the best musically that has  
yet been heard in the Far East, contain-  
ing as it does no fewer than four noted  
musicians, vocal and instrumental, whose  
names are household words in European  
art circles. The party is touring round  
the world delighting music lovers of the out-  
posts who rarely are afforded opportunity  
of hearing the favourites of the Continental  
concert halls. Mr Withers, the 'cellist  
who gives his name to the company, is  
endorsed by a no less conservative journal  
than the *Times* as "foremost among  
the 'cellists of the younger generation,"  
while Madame Solrino is one of the prima  
donna sopranos of the Royal Opera, Covent  
Garden, and a sterling festival and concert  
favourite. Mr Charles Bennett, the  
eminent American baritone, and Mme.  
Marguerite Ely, F.R.A.M., solo pianist,  
complete the list of principals. For evenly  
balanced ensemble excellence as well as for  
the quality of the individual artists the  
organization is distinctly notable, and lovers  
of music may count this evening upon a  
treat destined to be historic in this portion  
of the East. The Company arrived yester-  
day from Java, where so great a success was  
scored that the season at Batavia was neces-  
sarily extended an entire week. While  
here the party make the King Edward  
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## Service at Union Church.

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muster of men under the command of  
Lieut. Colonel Chapman, and the service  
was bright and inspiring. Appropriate  
hymns were sung, and the choir gave a  
capital rendering of the anthem "Seek ye  
the Lord," the solo in which was ably  
sustained by Mr S. Moore; Mr E. H.  
Chapman was at the organ, and played two  
well-executed Voluntaries.The Rev. C. H. Hilding was the  
preacher and he based his discourse on the  
words—"He that hath no sword, let him  
sell his cloak and buy one." He spoke on  
the necessity of national defence becoming  
general, and said selfishness, thievery, and  
jealousy had inevitably resulted in these  
modern armaments which were becoming  
colossal. They had increased and were  
increasing. And yet the nations went on  
talking as though they wanted peace. At  
any rate all this involved sacrifice on the  
part of the nations. As to Britain, looking  
at things as they were, we might be proud  
of our Volunteer Army, and that morning  
they welcomed the Hongkong Volunteers  
there as Volunteers among Volunteers.The existence of such a body showed that  
when the time came to the community of  
Hongkong to sell its cloak and buy a sword,  
they would largely respond. They sold  
their cloaks when they placed time, vigour,  
effort, and attention on the Colonial altar,  
and to that extent became living sacrifices  
for the nation. This was an altogether  
commendable spirit and proved that they  
were worthy sons of worthy sires. So long  
as the call had to be made for King and  
country, for hearts and home, for defence  
not defiance, he trusted that individually  
and as a community they would always  
respond and always be willing to sell their  
cloaks and buy a sword. The reverend  
gentlemen concluded by applying his  
remarks in a moral and individual sense.At the close of the service the congrega-  
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light Saving Bill passed its second  
reading by 130 votes to 94, and was  
referred to a Select Committee. There  
is little chance of the measure becoming  
law this Session.

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